Crime Head	Cases reported	Persons arrested	Persons challaned	Persons convicted in cases decided so far
1983.	550	291	199	3
1984.	688	150	45	—
(Up to 15-8-1984)				
Abduction				
1981.	152	98	77	3
1982.	143	83	78	2
1983.	148	98	84	-
1984	182	80	12	—
(Up to 15-8-1984)				

Reference to Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir by Sri Lanka President

2716. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA:
SHRI BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI:
SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sri Lankan President at a New Delhi Press Conference made a reference to Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab in the context of the Tamil issue in Sri Lanka;

(b) whether it is also a fact that he stated that the Government of India have not been able to solve the Kashmir problem;

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the Government of India thereto; and

(d) whether Government have taken up the matter with the Sri Lankan President?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Sri Lankan President addressed a Press Conference in New Delhi on the 2nd July in which he is reported to have made a reference to Jammu & Kashmir as an issue which was still before the UN.

(c) and (d) Jammu & Kashmir State is an integral part of India. Government were surprised that such a remark should have been made by the Sri Lankan President. Government's objection to the remark has been conveyed through diplomatic channels.

Army assistance to the States

2717. DR. MAHABIR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of occasions on which the assistance of the Army was sought in the States and Union Territories to deal with communal riots and for doing relief work in the flood affected/cyclone hit areas during the period from the 1st January, 1983 to 30th June, 1984?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): The various States/UTs. were provided army assistance on 36 occasions during the period from Ist January,

1983 to 30th June, 1984 in connection with the following:

(i) Communal riots—3 occasions.	
(ii) relief work in flood/cyclone hit areas	33 occasions
TOTAL	36

Identity of hijackers of Indian air-lines plane

2718. SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Times of India of 12th July, 1984 about the identity of hijackers of the Indian Airlines plane which was hijacked on the 5th July, 1984;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. All the 9 hijackers have been identified.

(c) A case has been registered by the CBI and is under investigation.

Regularisation of casual labourers in the Ministry of Steel and Mines

2719. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of casual labourers in his Ministry and its offices|departments subordinate offices/attached offices who have been made regular during the last three years (office-wise and year-wise);

(b) the number of casual workers who have been working for more than two years and are yet to be regularised; and

(c) whether Government have formulated any time-bound programme for making them regular; if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) The information in respect of Ministry of Steel and Mines (Secretariat) riat is given below:

Name of Department	No. of Casual Labourers regularised			
	August to December 1981	1982	1983	January to July, 1984.
1 Department of Steel . .	1	1	–	–
2 Department of Mines . .	2	1	–	–

Information in respect of attached, subordinate and Pay and Accounts Offices is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The information in respect of Ministry of Steel and Mines Secretariat is given below:

Name of Department	No. of Casual workers working for more than two years and not yet regularised
1 Department of Steel	4
2 Department of Mines	8